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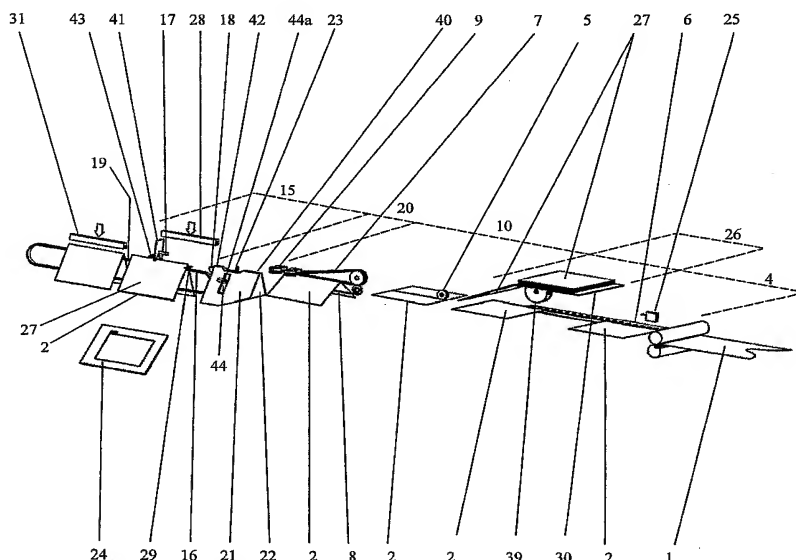
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(57) Abstract: Binding apparatus and a related process are particularly suited for binding digitally-printed sheets into booklets. The apparatus is adapted to fold individual sheets (2) and then to apply adhesive to the fold line before gathering the sheets in a collator (15) ready for binding. The collator (15) includes either a rotatable or retractable finger (17, 160) that is moveable to temporarily inhibit registration of a first sheet of a new stack on a stacking area, as a previous stack is transported away.

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